President.—But at any time has it been brought to your notice that these lines are in a damaged condition? Have coolies come to you and represented any grievance?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—They are awfully afraid of the Conservator.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Unless there is a complaint—

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Complaints will never come to the Conservator.

President.—There are very many coolies working in the estates, and to enquire whether they are in a happy condition is a humanitarian task.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—They will never say that they are not happy.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The only persons whom we can ask are the manager and the superintendent.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—They, of course, naturally say that they are in good condition. If only the Conservator by himself have asked the coolies separately, he might have heard a different story. If he asks them in the presence of the bigwigs, they will always answer supporting their masters.

The raising of the Jurisdiction of the Munsiffs' Courts.

14. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the papers connected with the proposals made by the Chief Court when the jurisdiction of the Munsiffs' Courts was raised (about 1079)?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The file of correspondence that took place in 1074 is placed on the Council Secretary's table.

The raising of the Chittur Girls School to a High School.

15. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how many petitions they have received praying for the raising of the Chittur Girls' School to a high school, and what their replies were for them?

Mr. C. Matthai.—One petition was received and it was disposed of in D. P. Dis. 2375/D/1102, dated 6th May 1927. A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know, Sir, with whom rests the decision of accommodation?

Mr. C. Matthai.—With the Government, of course.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—My question is based on the order to a petition. That petition was disposed of, saying, "without first deciding the question of accommodation, Government do not consider it advisable to sanction the starting of the high

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school classes." Any petition can be disposed of in that way. The Government did not then say they would consider it. The petition was disposed of.

President.—Is there any defect in the order passed ?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—There is no defect.

President.—Then what is it that you want ?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—I am not satisfied with the order. I want the Government to consider this question in all its aspects.

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